

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SEOUL 08294 290907Z

ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 JUSE-00 /061 W

-----083015 290914Z /14

O R 290850Z SEP 77

FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6711

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

CINCPAC

USUN NEW YORK 2104

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SEOUL 8294

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN, PFOR, KS, US

SUBJECT: KOREAN PRESS ANTICIPATES RESULTS OF FONMIN'S
MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY

REF: SEOUL 8236 (DTG 280849Z SEP 77)

SUMMARY: WHILE ALL AFTERNOON PAPERS REPORT ON PAK-VANCE MEETING
TONIGHT (LOCAL TIME), TWO PAPERS ARE NOTEWORTHY FOR SPECULA-
TION THAT U.S. AND ROK WILL COMPROMISE ON PLAN FOR
SENDING U.S. INVESTIGATORS TO KOREA.
END SUMMARY.

1. ON SEPTEMBER 29, AFTERNOON VERNACULAR PRESS GENERALLY RAN
FRONT-PAGE STORIES ON MEETING TONIGHT (KOREAN TIME) BETWEEN
FONMIN PAK TONG-JIN AND SECSTATE VANCE. TONGA ILBO AND CHUNGANG
ILBO GAVE STORY TOP OR SECOND BILLING AND ANTICIPATED THAT TWO
FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD AGREE TO COMPROMISE PLAN WHEREBY U.S.
OFFICIALS FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) WOULD QUESTION PAK
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SEOUL 08294 290907Z

TONG-SON IN KOREA.

2. TONGA ARTICLE, WHICH IS THE MOST DETAILED, ALTHOUGH IT CITES
NO SOURCES, ATTRIBUTES THIS PENDING AGREEMENT TO ROKG'S FIRM AND
UNYIELDING INSISTENCE ON ITS POSITION OF NOT RETURNING PAK
TONG-SON AGAINST HIS WILL, LACK OF JUSTIFICATION FOR FURTHER
U.S. INSTANCE ON FORCIBLE RETURN OF PAK, AND AGREEMENT IN

PRINCIPLE AT FONMINS' FIRST MEETING ON 9/20 TO BRING CASE TO A RAPID CLOSE. IF U.S. PUTS FORWARD SUCH A COMPROMISE PLAN, ROKG IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT IT IN PRINCIPLE, TONGA SAYS, AND REACH COMPROMISE ON DETAILS SUCH AS METHOD OF INVESTIGATION, ITS TIME FRAME, AND EXTENT OF ROKG'S COOPERATION. TONGA'S STORY QUOTES "OBSERVERS" AS POINTING OUT THAT INVESTIGATION BY DOM OFFICIALS "COULD SATISFY" HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION AND AS EXPECTING DISPATCH OF DOJ OFFICIALS BECAUSE OF RECENT DEFEAT OF MEASURE TO ALLOW SPECIAL COUNSEL TO CONDUCT INTERROGATION OF WITNESSES WITHOUT PRESENCE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

3. TONGA STORY NOTES U.S. HAS SOUNDED OUT ROKG ABOUT PLAN FOR DISPATCH OF DOJ INVESTIGATORS TO KOREA, AND ROKG HAS ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO COOPERATE. ARTICLE SPECULATES THAT PROBLEM OF KIM HAN-JO WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AND, IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON PAK MAFFAIR, COMPROMISE MIGHT BE REACHED ON KIM'S CASE AS WELL. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH NOTE THAT, BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LOCKHEED PRECEDENT, WHICH HAS BEEN KOREAN POSITION, AND U.S. INSISTENCE ON "GUARANTEE OF A FULL INVESTIGATION," COMPROMISE MUST ALSO BE RACHED ON PROCEDURES.

SNEIDER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 29-Sep-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977SEOUL08294
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770354-1375
Format: TEL
From: SEOUL
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t1977097/aaaaafym.tel
Line Count: 84
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 7bda7f47-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 SEOUL 8236
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30-Aug-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1294657
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: KOREAN PRESS ANTICIPATES RESULTS OF FONMIN'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY
TAGS: SOPN, PFOR, KS, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/7bda7f47-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009